
Robot Programming Practice #1

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Getting Started with mbed controller

- To use mbed controller, you need

1. PC and Internet connection
2. USB port



- <http://www.mbed.org/>
- mbed is designed for beginners with little knowledge on electronics and microcontrollers.
- The advantage of the mbed is that it doesn't require complex concepts such as flag and register.
- Basic commands such as **DigitalOut** are used to control ports.

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- Let us connect the mbed controller to the PC as shown below.

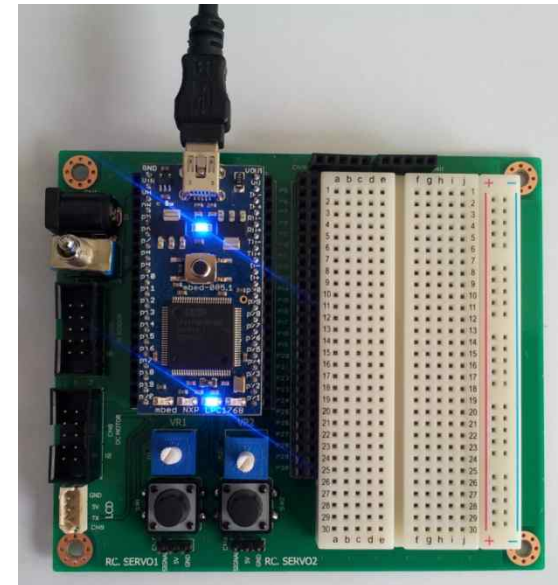


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- If you connect the mbed to the PC, then the PC will recognize the mbed as an external storage.

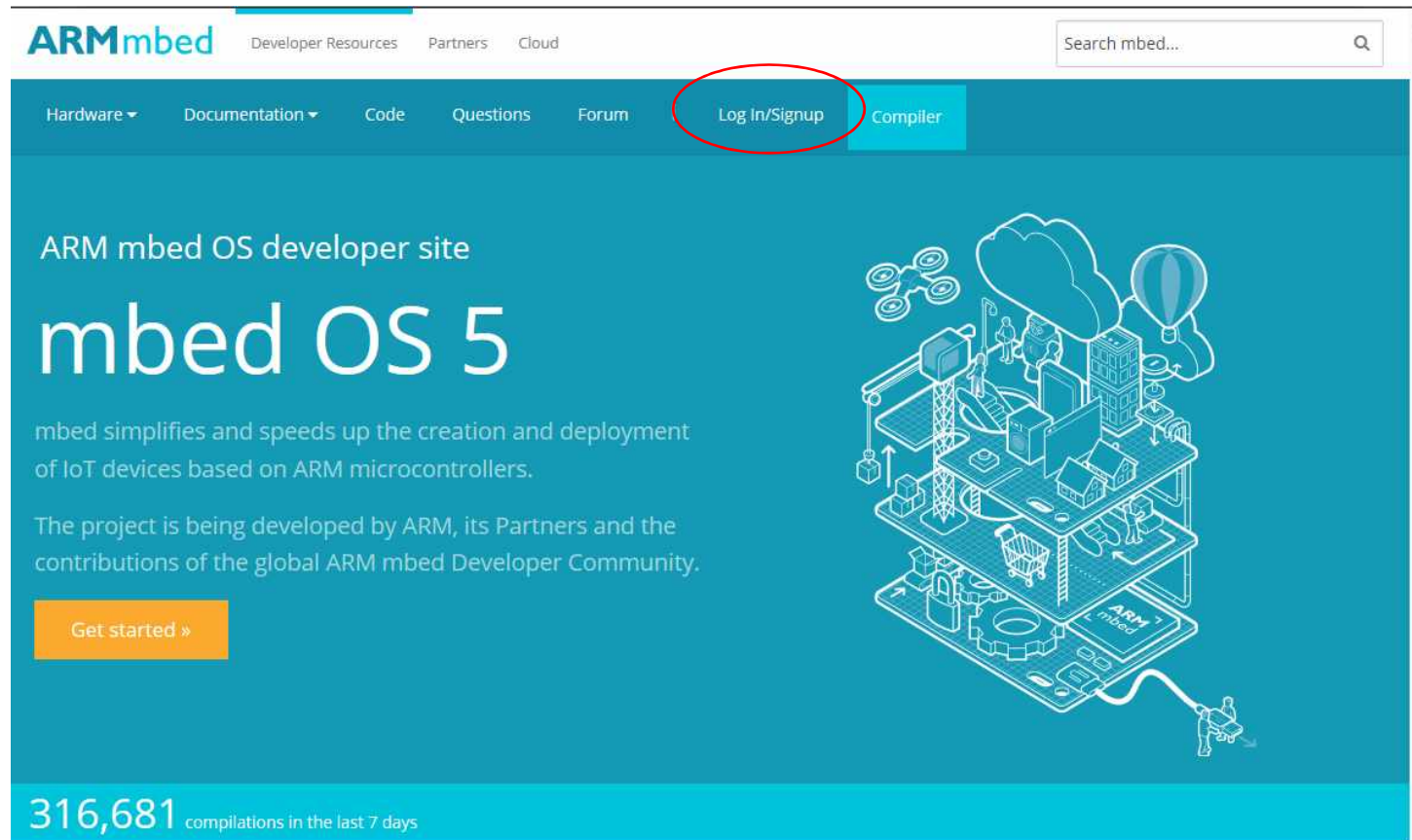


- Close the window.



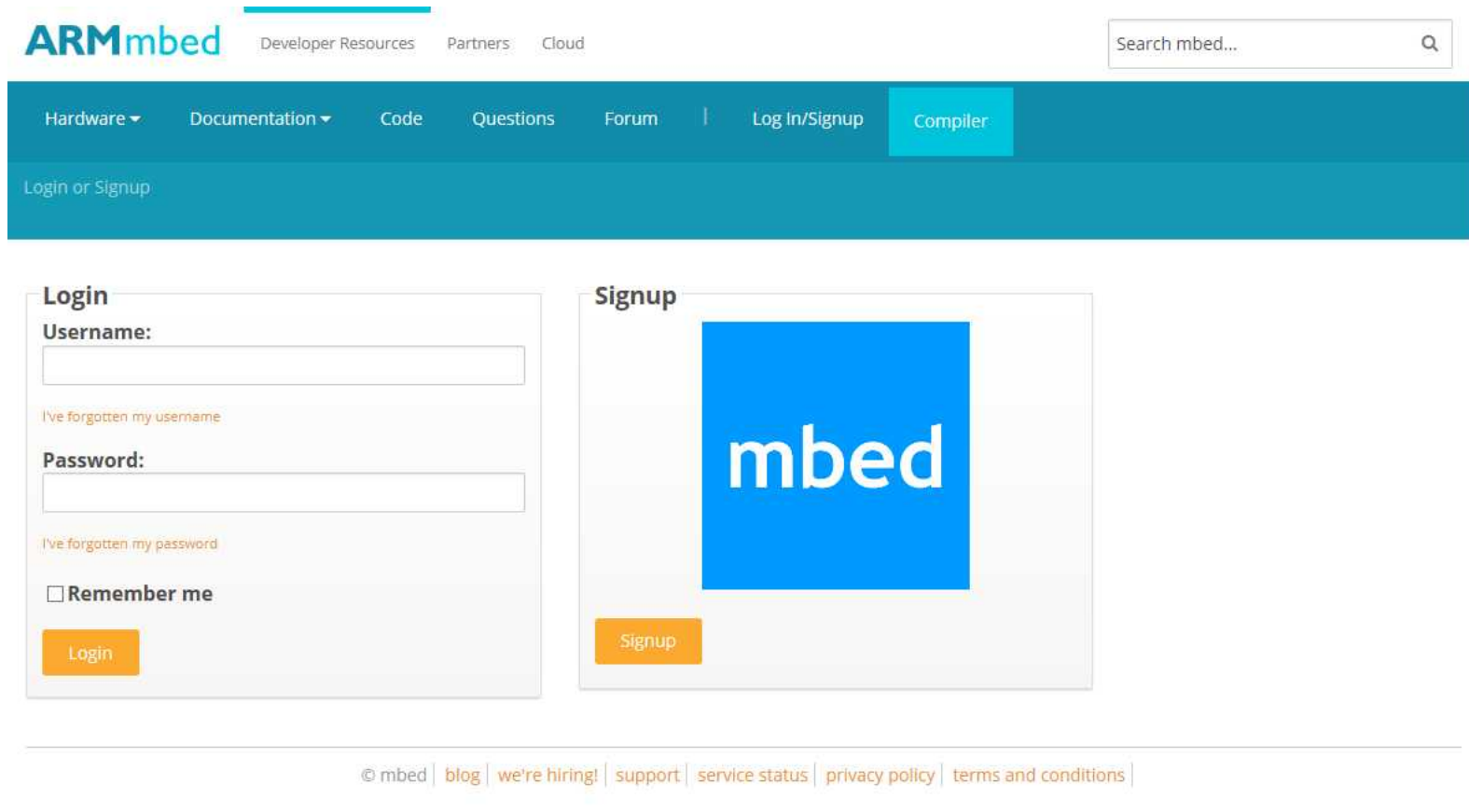
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- Log into website(<http://developer.mbed.org>) and click Login/Signup.



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- If you click Login or signup, then you will see this. Click Signup and create account.



The screenshot shows the ARM mbed website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ARM mbed logo, links for Developer Resources, Partners, and Cloud, and a search bar labeled "Search mbed...". Below this is a teal header bar with links for Hardware, Documentation, Code, Questions, Forum, Log In/Signup, and Compiler. A teal banner below the header says "Login or Signup".

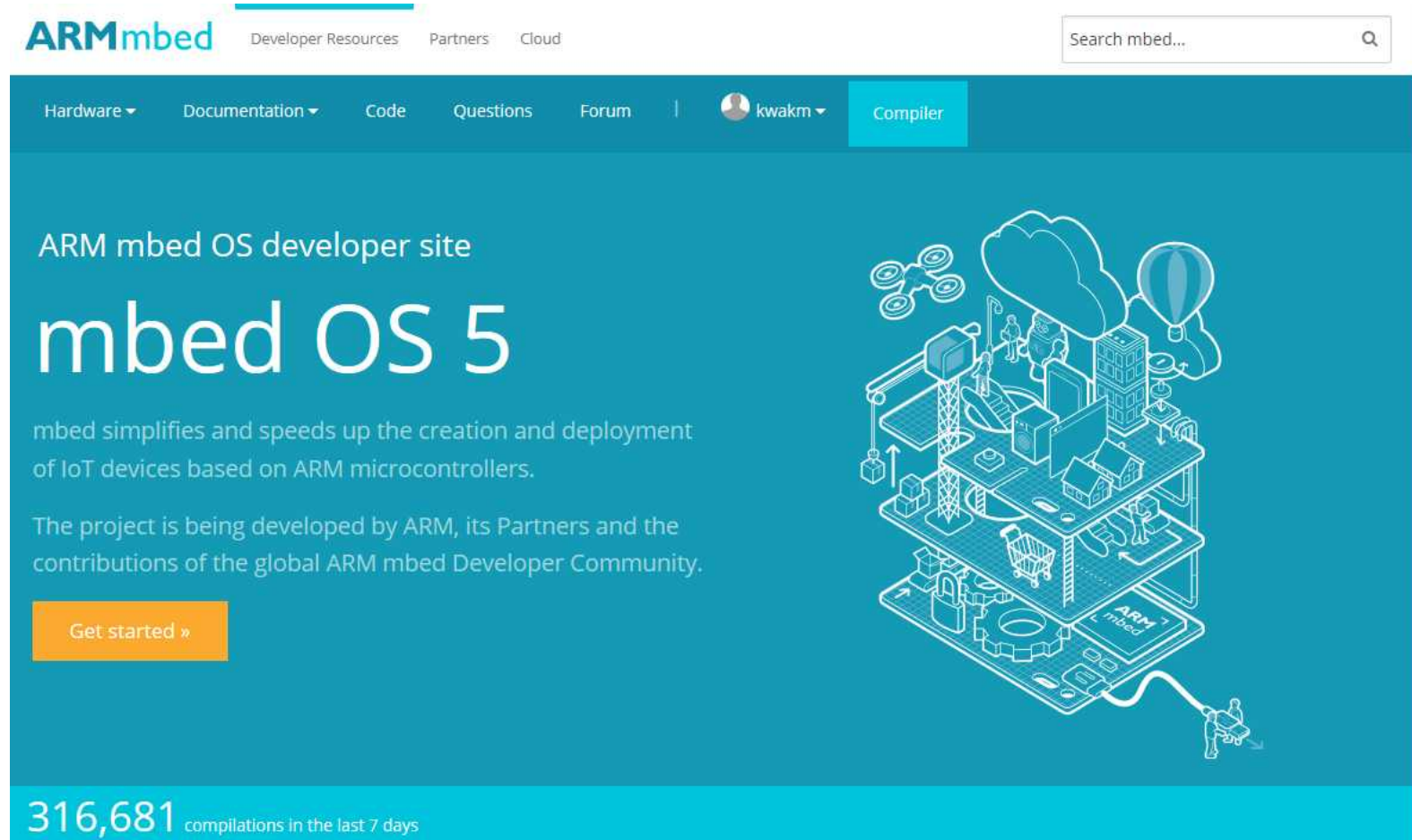
The main content area features two side-by-side forms:

- Login Form:** Includes fields for Username and Password, links for "I've forgotten my username" and "I've forgotten my password", a "Remember me" checkbox, and a "Login" button.
- Signup Form:** Features a large blue square with the "mbed" logo and a "Signup" button.

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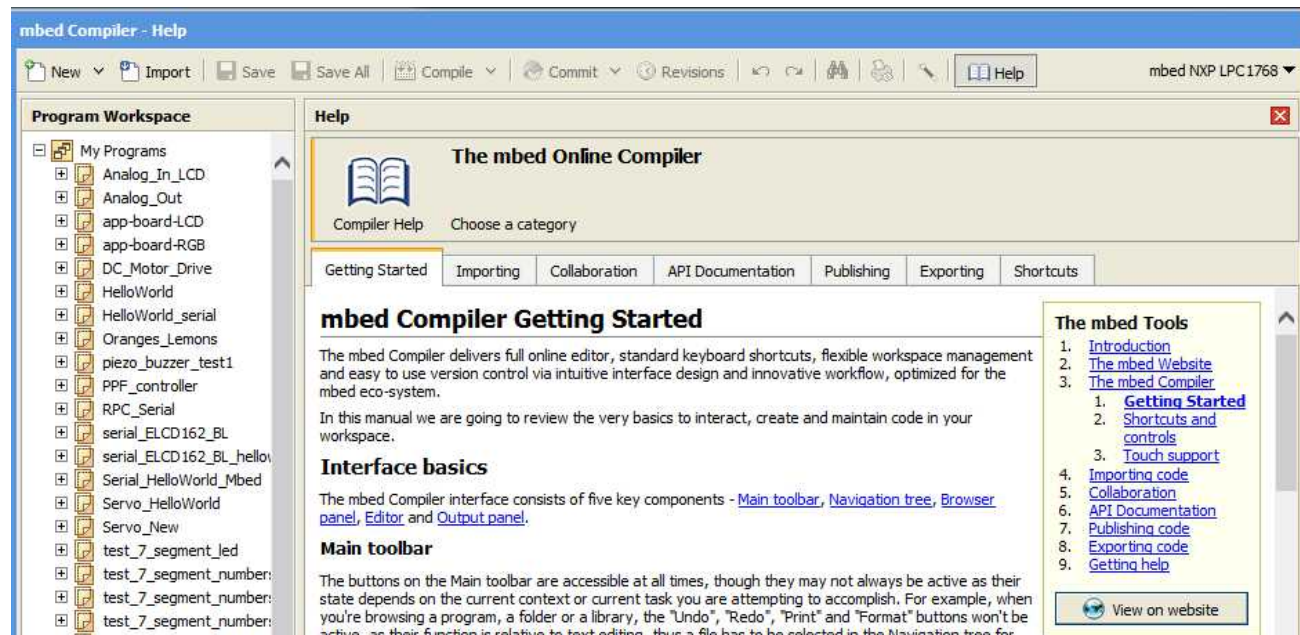
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- After log on, you will see the following.



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- Click the compiler button and open the compiler window. You will see the window like below.



- Click New.

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- Create a new program and you will the C program like below.

```
#include "mbed.h"
DigitalOut myled(LED1);

int main() {
    while(1) {
        myled = 1;
        wait(0.2);
        myled = 0;
        wait(0.2);
    }
}
```

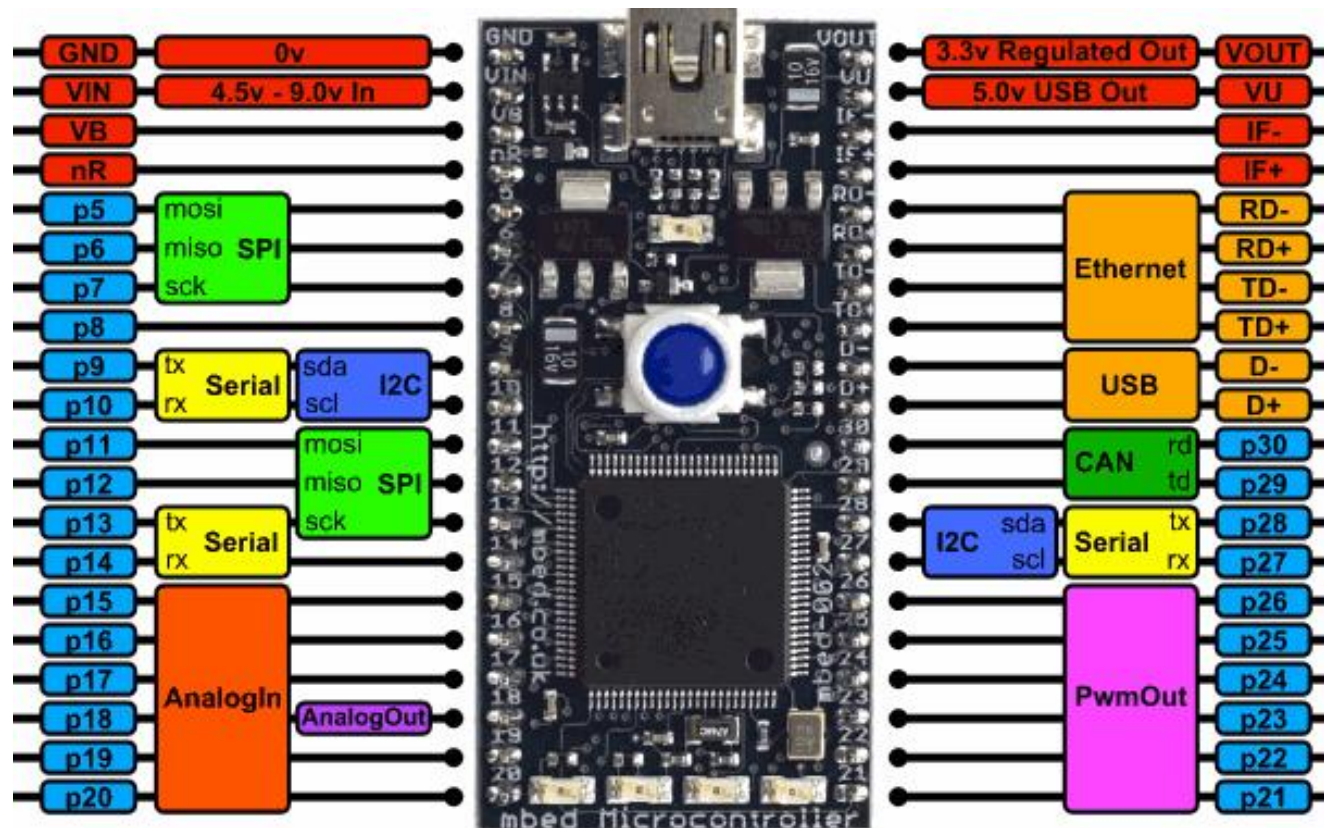
- Compile and Download the Program to the mbed.
- Downloading is saving the file to the mbed.

Getting Started with mbed controller

- What happens to the mbed?
- View the default program source code.
- Can you tell me what is going on?

mbed NXP LPC1768 Getting Started

- Rapid Prototyping for general microcontroller applications, Ethernet, USB and 32-bit ARM® Cortex™-M3 based designs.



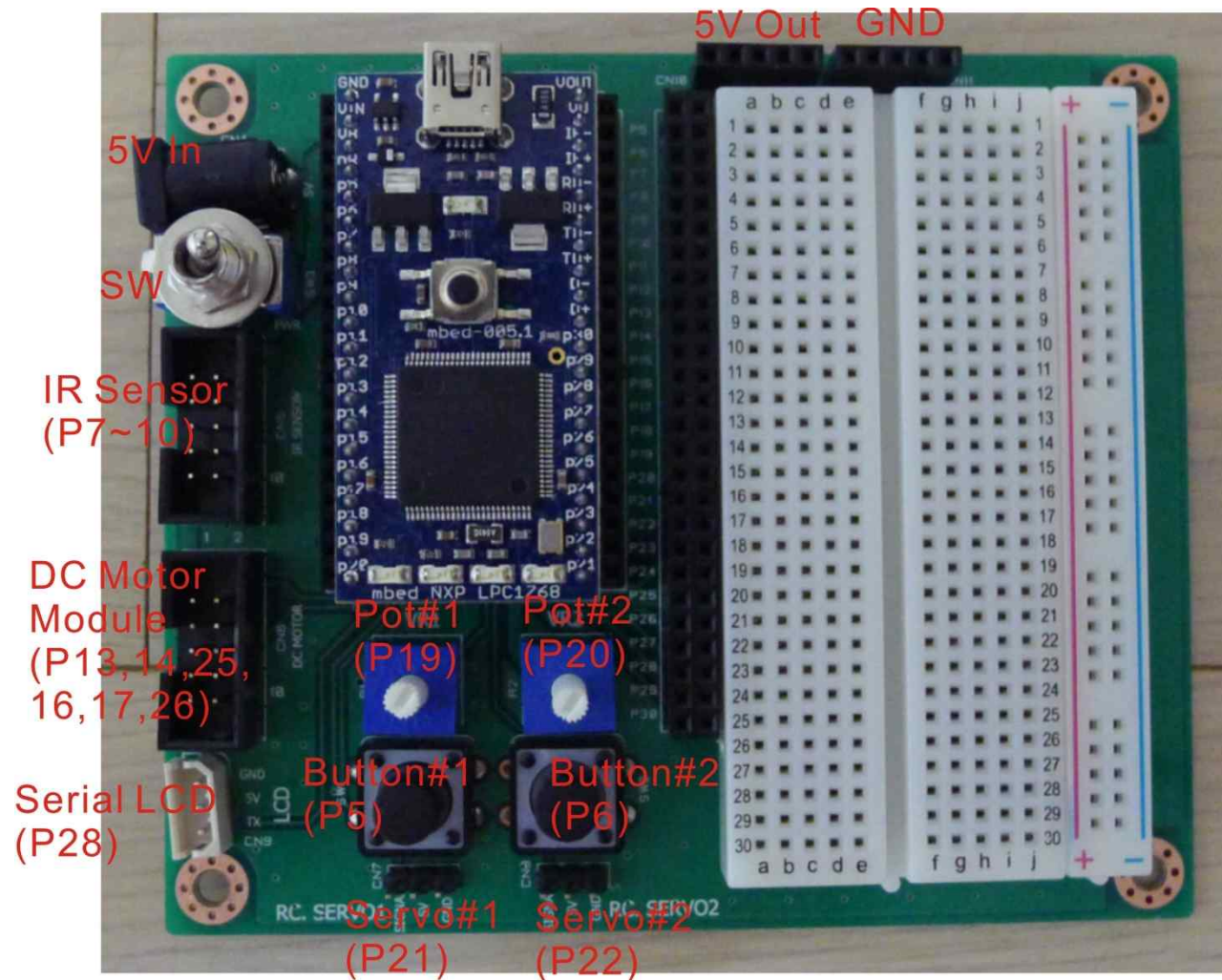
Introduction of mbed

- Ports are bi-directional I/O ports, so that we can set the direction of the port on our purpose.
- The mbed Compiler is a powerful online IDE that is free for use with hardware implementing the mbed HDK, and tightly integrated with the mbed SDK and Developer Website.
- Once the program is downloaded into the controller, it will reside on a flash memory. Hence, the program will stay on without external power supply.

mbed studyboard

- We developed the mbed studyboard for students.
- This studyboard is equipped with sensors, I/O ports and breadboard.
- Let's take a look at the studyboard.

mbed studyboard



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Module	Port	mbed pin
IR Sensor Module	Sensor 1	7
	Sensor 2	8
	Sensor 3	9
	Sensor 4	10
DC Motor Module	Dir1(DI)	13
	/Enable1(DI)	14
	PWM1	25
	Dir2(DI)	16
	/Enable2(DI)	17
	PWM2	26

module	port	mbed pin
Serial LCD	TX	28
VR1	AI	19
VR2	AI	20
Button SW1	DI	5
Button SW2	DI	6
RC Servo 1	PWM	21
RC Servo 2	PWM	22

* If there are no connections to IR sensor module, DC motor module, serial LCD, RC servos, then the corresponding ports can be used freely. However, pins 5, 6, 19 and 20 shouldn't be used in any case.

Your first C program for the mbed

- Take a look at your first main.c program again.

```
#include "mbed.h"
DigitalOut myled(LED1);

int main() {
    while(1) {
        myled = 1;
        wait(0.2);
        myled = 0;
        wait(0.2);
    }
}
```

- There are dedicated C functions and mbed functions.
- Let us study them.

A Closer Look

- Take a closer look at each line in the sample program.

```
#include "mbed.h"
```

- This command tells C to include the file mbed.h in the compilation. This file contains information needed by the program to ensure the correct operation of C for the mbed.

```
DigitalOut myled(LED1);
```

- The variable myled is defined as DigitalOut and its output pin is LED1(LED1 is a built-in LED on the mbed).

A Closer Look

```
int main() {  
  
}
```

- `main()` specifies the name of a function. All C programs begin execution by calling the `main()` function. `int` implies the output of the main function is a integer value. The function should start with `{` and end with `}`.

```
while(1) {  
  
}
```

- `while (condition)` iterates the content of `{ ... }` when condition is true(logic 1 is true).

A Closer Look

```
myled = 1;  
myled = 0;
```

- “myled =1” implies that LED1 is on.
- “myled = 0” implies that the LED1 is off.
- 1 implies 3.3V and 0 implies 0V. We will study this later.

```
wait(0.2);
```

- wait(0.2) implies that the program waits for 0.2 s.

Introduction to digital terminology

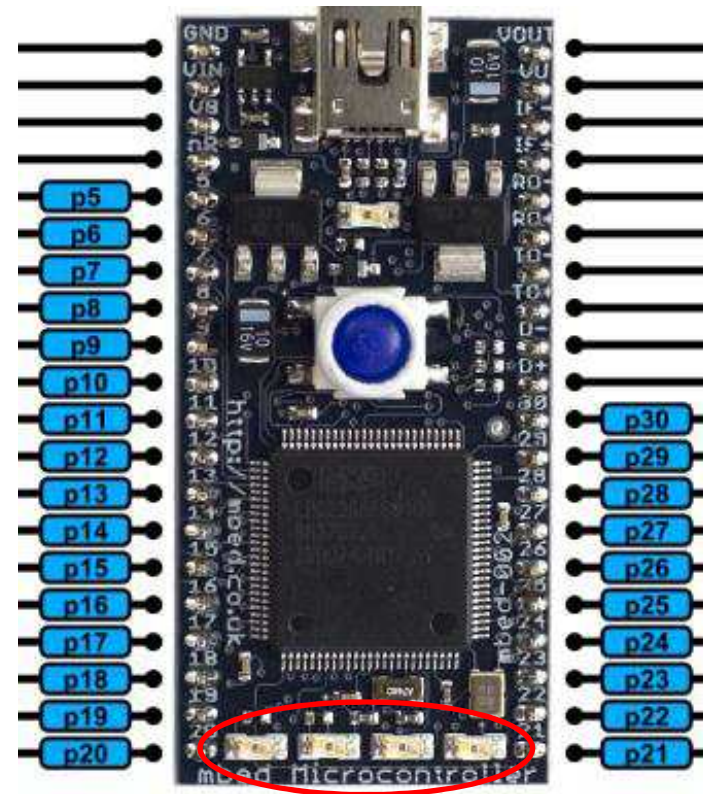
- The mbed uses a power rail of 3.3 Volts – 0 Volts indicates 'off' and 3.3 Volts indicates 'on'.
- A number of terms are used interchangeably to describe on and off in digital systems:

0V	3.3V
Open	Closed
Off	On
Low	High
Clear	Set
logic 0	logic 1
False	True

- Note: terms 'logic 0' and 'logic 1' may be simply referred to as '0' and '1'.

Digital outputs on the mbed

- On the mbed, the four on-board LEDs are digital outputs which have been specially configured to operate with no extra wires or connections needed.
- The mbed also has 26 digital IO pins(pins 5-30) which can be configured as inputs or outputs.



Digital outputs on the mbed

- The digital IO pins are configured by defining them at the start of the program code.
- Each digital IO is given a name and associated pin, for example:

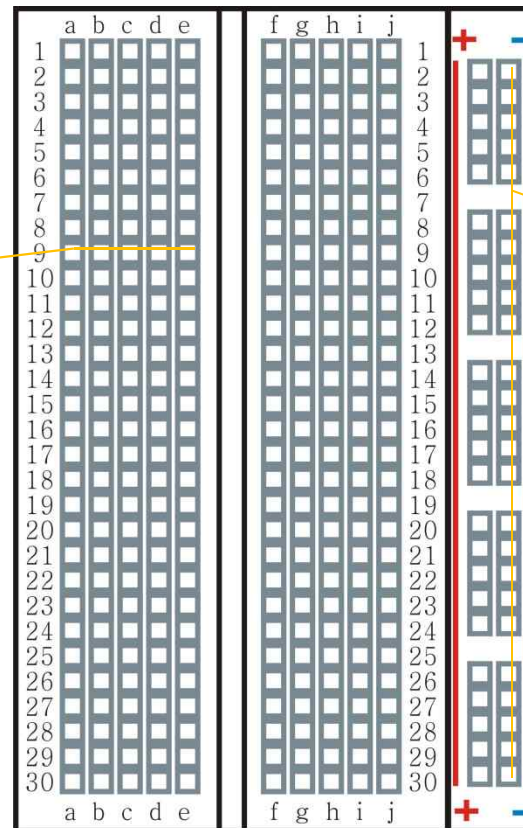
```
DigitalOut myname1(p13);  
DigitalOut myname2(p14);  
DigitalOut myname3(p15);
```

- The DigitalOut interface can be used to set the state of the output pin, and also read back the current output state.
- Set the DigitalOut to 0 to turn it off, or 1 to turn it on.

Breadboard

- A **breadboard (protoboard)** is a construction base for prototyping of electronics. The term is commonly used to refer to **solderless breadboard (plugboard)**.

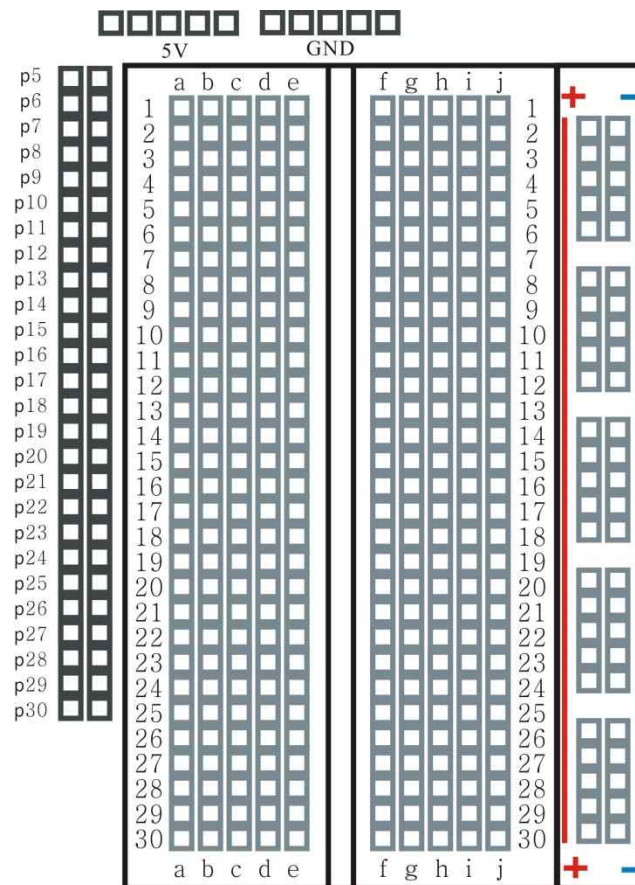
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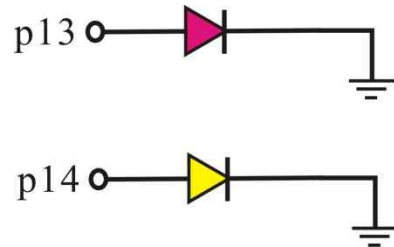
mbed studyboard

- mbed studyboard has mbed ports right next to the breadboard.

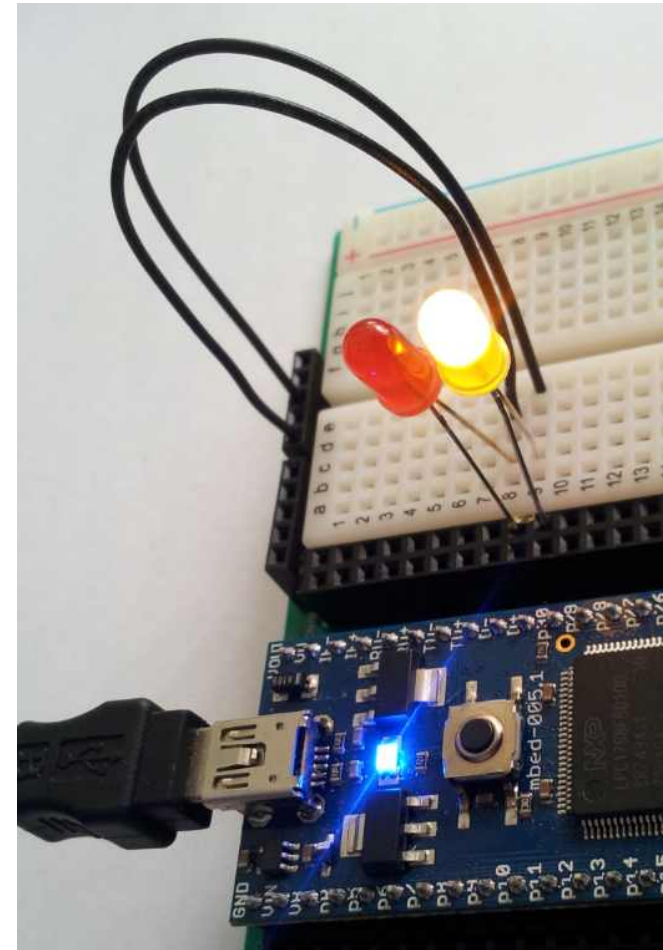


Connecting LEDs to mbed

- Connect a red LED to pin 13 and a yellow LED to pin14.



- Remember to attach the positive side of the led (the side with the longer leg) to the mbed pins. The negative side should be connected to ground. Use wires.



Connecting LEDs to mbed

- Create a new program for the external LEDs. Modify the default main.cpp code to become the following:

```
#include "mbed.h"
DigitalOut redled(p13);
DigitalOut yellowled(p14);
int main() {
    while(1) {
        redled = 1;
        yellowled = 0;
        wait(0.2);
        redled = 0;
        yellowled = 1;
        wait(0.2);
    }
}
```

- Compile, download and run the code on the mbed.

Connecting LEDs to mbed

- Look at the example program and identify the key C programming elements as follows:
 - The mbed.h library file is linked to by the ``#include'` statement.
 - DigitalOut objects are defined with a name and a chosen mbed pin.
 - The main program function exists inside ``int main() { ... program... }'`.
 - An infinite loop is implemented by the `while(1)` statement, so that the program continuously loops forever, allowing the led to flash continuously.
 - Digital outputs are controlled simply by setting the relevant objects equal to 0 or 1.
 - The mbed `wait()` function is used for timing control.

Push Button

- Computer, mouse, calculator, microwave oven, remote controller, game player, and cellular phone have push buttons.
- We can make a micro-controller act under the command input by a push button.
- The open- and closed-condition of the push button can be sensed by the micro-controller using the digital I/O ports.

Digital inputs on the mbed

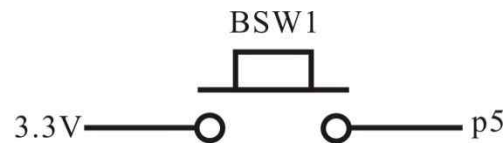
- Digital inputs values can be read.
- As with digital outputs, the same 26 pins (pins 5-30) can be configured as digital inputs, as follows:

```
DigitalIn button1 (p5);  
DigitalIn button2 (p6);  
DigitalIn mybutton3 (p7);
```

- The DigitalIn Interface determines the current logical state of the chosen input pin, e.g. logic '0' or logic '1'.
- Zero volts on a digital input pin returns a logical 0, whereas 3.3 Volts returns a logic 1.

Connecting switches to the mbed

- Let us use a mechanical switch mounted on the SB.
- Button SW #1 is already connected to pin 5.
- The other side of the button switch is connected to 3.3V.



- A digital input pin is set to either high ('1') or low ('0') by connecting it to switch between the 3.3V and GND rails.

Implementing a digital switch input

- Create a new program for the LED switch project. Modify the default main.cpp code as shown.
- When two forward slash symbols (//) are used, the compiler ignores any proceeding text, so we can use this to write useful comments.

```
#include "mbed.h"
DigitalOut redled(p13);
DigitalOut yellowled(p14);
DigitalIn sw1(p5);

int main() {
    while(1) {

        if(sw1==1) {
            redled = 1;    // red led on
            yellowled = 0; // yellow led off
        }

        else if (sw1==0) {
            redled = 0;    // red led off
            yellowled = 1; // yellow led on
        }

    }
}
```

Implementing a digital switch input

- Modify a program. Red or yellow LED will flash by the SW.

```
#include "mbed.h"
DigitalOut redled(p13);
DigitalOut yellowled(p14);
DigitalIn sw1(p5);

int main() {
    while(1) {

        if(sw1==1) {
            yellowled = 0; // yellow led off
            redled = 1;    // flash red led
            wait(0.2);
            redled = 0;
            wait(0.2);
        }
        else if (sw1==0) {
            redled = 0;    // red led ff
            yellowled = 1; // flash yellow led
            wait(0.2);
            yellowled = 0;
            wait(0.2);
        }
    }
}
```


Implementing a digital switch input

- Look at the code, the “if (sw1==1)...” statement allows the code to operate in two different ways, depending on the value of the digital input (i.e. the mechanical switch position).
- If the switch gives a value of 1, the yellow LED is set to zero (off) and the red LED is programmed to flash. If the digital input is low (0), we see the roles of the LEDs reversed.

A Closer Look

```
if (sw1==1) {  
    .  
    .  
    .  
}  
else if (sw1==0) {  
    .  
    .  
    .  
}
```

- If (condition) : if condition is true, then execute the content of { }.
- else : if condition is not true, then the execute this.